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4 1. In a computer system having a video display device, the video display  
5 device having a screen, a method comprising the steps of:

6 providing a plurality of controls on the screen of the video display device;  
7 identifying a control group, the control group being comprised of at least  
8 two controls;

9 representing the control group with a single status indicator; and  
10 directing the activation of the controls of the control group by storing an  
11 active value in the single status indicator.

12 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the computer system further includes  
13 a cursor which is displayed on the screen of the video display device, the method  
14 further comprising the steps of:

15 identifying a location on the screen that the cursor points to; and  
16 for each control of the control group, identifying a control position, the  
17 control position defining a location on the screen for the activated control,  
18 determining a control distance, the control distance defining a control connecting  
19 path which connects the identified location with the control position, calculating a  
20 control angle, the control angle being an angle formed between the control  
21 connecting path and a last direction of cursor movement path, and calculating a  
22 weighted distance.  
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